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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

This letter responds to the Notification of Defective Response (hereinafter "the Notification") dated December 12, 2001. The Notification indicates that the Declaration as originally filed did not identify the citizenship of each inventor. Please see the enclosed

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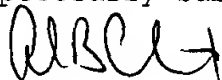
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Declarations including the citizenship of the inventors in fulfillment of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a) and (b).

Respectfully submitted,

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- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Oath or Declaration
- Request for Immediate Examination

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended up to a maximum of six months.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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